THE DAY OF THE LORD

1 Thess: 5:1-3

1 Th 5:1-2 The *Day of the Lord* come as thief in night. <u>Suddenly</u>, unexpectantly, harmfully.

Day of the Lord same as Rapture? No!

Comes <u>after</u> rapture. For unbelievers.

Day of Lord refers to:

- 1. Historical Days of judgment on Israel
- 2. <u>Tribulation</u> period
- 3. Second <u>half</u> of Tribulation
- 4. Pouring out of God's wrath at 6th seal

Day of Lord: technical term ... describes day when Jesus comes back to bring flaming fury and anger of God on all sinners of world. Day of devastation, destruction, doom, damnation.

Had much to say about it:

- **❖** Prophets in OT
- Apostles
- Jesus

Times: Kronos, Chronology, clock, calendar time

Seasons: Kairos, <u>Epochs</u> of time, events, happenings.

Plural: several times and significant epochs of time that make up end time.

Chronological viewpoint -- Times

70th week of Daniel ... Final 7 year period ... Great Tribulation

1290 days ...1335 days...1000 yr millennium

Event viewpoint -- Seasons

Rapture...Rise of anti-Christ...Salvation of the nation of Israel

Series of judgments come through natural means

Series of judgments come through supernatural means

Return of Jesus Christ...Battle of Armageddon

Destruction of world's nations...Judgment of sheep and goats

Establishment of millennial kingdom...Binding of Satan

Loosing of world-wide rebellion...Destruction of world

Creation of new heavens and new earth

1 Th 5:4-5 You don't belong to Day of the Lord. You do belong to rapture

V.9 God <u>hasn't</u> destined you for Day of wrath.

V.4 God hasn't destined you for Day of the Lord.

Jesus said about Day of the Lord Mat 24; Acts 1:6-7

1 Th 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly speaks of painstaking research that comes to a conclusion

1 Th 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; Mat 24

Message to church: You are <u>not</u> going to be at terrible Day of the Lord.

Live lives in the light

Message to the world: Judgment day coming. Rev 16:15.

The Day of the Lord in OT: Isa 2:12; Isa 13:6; Isa 13:9, 13 Jer 46:10 Joel 1:15; 2:11, 31; Amos

5:18, 20; Zep 1:14-15; Mal 4:5

Revelation 6 -- opening of seals of judgment:

First: cold war

Second: open war

Third: famine

Fourth: death

Fifth: Martyrdom

Sixth: supernatural holocaust ... the wrath of God reached culmination of Day of Lord.

His Day, Day of Wrath, Day of Wrath and Revelation, Great Day of wrath of God Almighty

1 Pet. 2:12 Day of Visitation

Day of Christ: has to do with believers, rewards; associated with rapture

Day of Lord: associated with Judgment of <u>ungodly</u>

Day of God: 2 Pet 3:12 Refers to eternity; God's day. Eternal state.

Day of the Lord come unexpectantly, like thief in night. Ezek 30:3; Joel 2:1-3; 3:14-16 Zec 14:1-7

Whenever prophets wrote about Day of the Lord...NEAR/<u>FAR</u> prophesy.

Joel 1:15-20 2:1, 11 Obadiah 1:14 Zeph. 1:7-14

So What? Paul felt strongly that the rapture could come during his lifetime.

Day of Lord follow rapture but no believer be in Day of the Lord.

Response of: Christian: watching it happen from of heaven.

Unsaved: You have no choice but to go through Day of Lord, Great

White Throne Judgment,cast into <u>Hell</u> forever.